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Engagement Announced



(Leichtner Photo)

MISS DIANE C. BRAME

Mr. and Mrs. Wyly Ellis Brame of Florida Drive, Agawam, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Diane Celeste, to John Cosmos Cronin of Rochester, N. Y., son of Mrs. Paul Timothy Craugh of Lakemont, N. Y., and the late John Cronin.

The ceremony will be June 15 in St. John the Evangelist Church, with Mr. Cronin's cousin, the Rev. John Francis Cronin, author of "Economics and Ethics," celebrating the nuptial Mass.

Miss Brame, a graduate of Ursuline Academy, attended Merrimack College, North Andover, and is a junior at Nazareth College of Rochester, majoring in English.

Her fiancé was graduated from

Merrimack College where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and was affiliated with Phi Kappa Theta fraternity. He is an account representative with Monroe Lithographing Inc., and associated with Strout Realty and is a district manager of Retail & Professional Credit Control Inc.

Biagini Appointed 'Y' Camp Director

Mario J. Sakellis, Executive Director of the Agawam YMCA announced today that Carmen Biagini has been appointed Camp Director of the YMCA Camp operations. This includes Camp Little Stream for pre-school boys and girls, Camp Millbrook. The "Y" Day Camp for grades 1-6 and Leaders in Training for Junior High boys and girls in grades 7-9. Mr. Biagini will be responsible for a Staff of about 20.

Mr. Biagini is a senior at Westfield State College and plans to teach in the elementary school system. He is married to the former Carol Trombley. They have one daughter, Linda Lee, and they reside at 451 Elm Street, West Springfield. Mr. Biagini was Camp Director last season and under his leadership the camp enrollments increased. Registration for Camp enrollment are now being taken. Parents should register their children. For further information call 733-9676.

AHS Class of '43 Reunion May 4

The Agawam High School Class of 1943 will hold their 25th reunion on May 4th at St. Anne's Country Club in Agawam. A social hour will precede the dinner to be served at 7 giving the class members an opportunity to renew old acquaintances.

The reunion committee members are Mrs. Lorraine Gallerani Labun, Mrs. Barbara Aloisi Rivers and Francis Nolan, class president.

Any member who has not already made reservation for the event is asked to do so by April 27th by contacting any member of the above committee.

Community Grange Program Tuesday

The next meeting of Community Grange to be held on April 16th will be a joint meeting with Granville Grange in Granville, Mass. This is an annual affair, alternating between Granville and Community Grange who meet on the same night of the week. Granville Grange is planning a program arranged by their music committee.

All officers and members are urged to go to this neighboring grange. For transportation please call the lecturer, Mrs. Earl Bradway.

Skolnick To Serve As Crusade Chairman

Mr. David Skolnick of Rowley St., Agawam, will serve as 1968 Agawam Cancer Crusade chairman, as announced today by Robert P. Fitzgerald state chairman of the April Cancer Crusade in Massachusetts.

Active in town affairs, Mr. Skolnick is president of the Agawam Council of Parent Teachers Associations, program director of

the Agawam Civic Association, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Agawam Trestle Board and Guidance Director at the Agawam High School.

TEAM CAPTAINS

He has appointed Mrs. Frank Labun house-to-house chairman, Frank Chriscola, Business and Industry chairman, and Louis DePalma, Gifts and Bequests chairman.

Agawam Food Mart's \$1000 Winner



Mr. Robert M. Golden of 91 Federal St. Ext., Agawam, was recently a thousand dollar (\$1000.) winner in the Food Mart's "It's RACING TIME" held each Saturday evening at seven over WWLP-Channel 22. Pictured above at right presenting

check to Mr. Golden, holding daughter, Sandra Jacqueline, is Mr. Raymond McCarroll, store manager of the Agawam Food Mart, while Mrs. Golden and daughter, Kimberly Ann, look on;

GREETINGS at EASTER
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AGAWAM INDEPENDENT
NEWSPAPER

Miss St. Jean Will Be Guest Speaker For Women's Club

"Audience is the theater" will be the topic of Miss Judith A. St. Jean of Cambridge at the April 15 meeting of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam. The program will begin at 8:30 in St. John's hall with Mrs. Robert Anderson as chairman.

A former resident of Agawam, Miss St. Jean is a 1961 graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a bachelor of arts de-

gree in English and received a master of arts degree in drama from Tufts University in 1964. She taught speech, English and drama for three years at Agawam High School and some of her productions entered the Boston Globe Drama Festival and the Massachusetts secondary school speech league festival. Miss St. Jean is director of the speech and drama program at Winchester High School. She is (Please Turn To Page 5)

Benevolent Society Guest Night Apr. 15

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will hold their annual guest night Monday evening, April 15th at 8 o'clock in the social rooms at the rear of the church.

The guest speaker will be Col. Warren J. Kennedy, who, during the Second World War was in charge of the largest Prisoner of War Enclosure operated by the American Army in Europe.

"60,000 Headaches" is a hilarious yarn describing some of the zany incidents which took place behind the barbed wire of this prison camp. Colonel Kennedy brings with him many interesting items created by the prisoners under his command.

An invitation is extended to all men and women who attend the Feeding Hills Congregational Church to come to this meeting. A social hour will follow the program and refreshments will be served by Mrs. Bernice Burton and her committee.

WESTERN BANK GAINS MILLION IN DEPOSITS

The annual position roster of commercial banks in the United States, published by American Banker, daily publication of the banking industry, shows that Western Bank & Trust Co. of West Springfield moved up 388 places at year-end 1967, according to William A. Franks, Jr., president.

Western Bank & Trust now is in 6978th place among 14,000 commercial banks in the United States, on the basis of deposits of \$5,900,164 on Dec. 31, 1967, Mr. Franks said. This represented a gain of approximately \$1 million over the same date a year ago.

CHURCH NEWS

AGAWAM METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
 Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
 Ronald Ashton, Lay Leader
 Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist
 Mrs. Marshall Keyes
 Sanctuary Choir Director
 Mary Alexander,
 Youth Choir Director
 Sandra Garfield,
 Church Secretary

Thursday, Maundy Thursday—7:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service.

Friday, Good Friday—7:30 p.m. Service of Darkness. Good Friday worship service.

Saturday—11:00 a.m. Worship Service at the East Longmeadow Nursing Home.

Sunday, Easter Day—5:30 a.m. Sunrise Service; 9:30 a.m. Worship Service... Nursery for infants.

Monday—7:30 p.m. Official Board meeting.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir practice.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
 Mrs. Nancy Lund, Choir Director
 Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist
 Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
 Church Secretary

Thursday—7 p.m. The Junior and Senior High BYF will meet at the church and then go to St. Alphonsus College in Suffield for

a Lenten meeting; 8:30 p.m. The Choir rehearse at church; 8 p.m. The Lenten meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Goss, Elm St.

Sunday—9:30 a.m. Morning Worship—Rev. Lockhart will preach the service and choir will sing and Church School will follow; 6 p.m. The Junior High and Senior BYF's meet at church; 7 p.m. The Senior Board of Deacons meet at church.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Melody Choir rehearse; 6:30 p.m. The United Women's Fellowship supper meeting in Bodurtha Hall. Mrs. Olga Pope will speak on a recent trip to Alaska.

Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post open.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
 Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
 Minister of Music

Thursday—12 noon, Ladies Aid noon Luncheon, Program for Easter; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, reception of the Pastor's Class. The Office of Tennebrae service will be observed.

Friday—8 p.m. Good Friday services at the Baptist Church. Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, preaching; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

Saturday—8:45 a.m. Interme-

diate Choir rehearsal; 9:30 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal.

Sunday, Easter—5:30 a.m. Sunrise service at Springfield College campus; 7:30 a.m. Church at Morning Worship; 9 a.m. church at Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Church at Morning Worship, and no church school, nursery and kindergarten supervision only.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Senior High Choir rehearsal.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.

Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor
 Mrs. Frederick Nardi, Organist

Thursday—7:30 p.m. A Maundy Thursday service of Worship with Communion. We welcome visitors.

Sunday—9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Worship Services... Cherub Choir will sing during the first service. There will be no Church School classes or youth group meetings.

Monday—8 p.m. The Ladies Benevolent Society meeting in Griswold Hall... Guest Night.

Wednesday—7 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.,
 Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.

Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. confessions.

MASS SCHEDULE
 Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Week days—7 a.m.

Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Maundy Thursday—9 a.m. Holy Communion; 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Good Friday—9 a.m. Ante-Communion; 12 noon to 3 p.m. 3 hour meditation, seven, twenty minute services. The Rev. Robert Cook, preaching the Good Friday Passion; 7:30 p.m. Office of Tennebrae.

Holy Saturday—9 a.m. Ante-Communion; 3 p.m. Order of Baptism; 7:30 p.m. Easter Even Vigil, lighting of Paschal candle.

Easter Day—7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. Holy Communion.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce
 Rev. Albert Blanchard

Thursday—6:30 a.m. Mass and 7:30 p.m. Mass; 4 to 5:45 p.m., Confessions; 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Adoration of Blessed Sacrament. Try to attend!

Friday—NO morning Mass; 3 p.m. Good Friday Service, Adoration of the Cross, Mass and Holy Communion; 7:30 p.m., renewal

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While we join in the outward observance of Easter—the egg hunts, the new finery, it is well to pause and think about the spiritual reason for the celebration.

Here is how it was described in the gospel of St. Matthew: "And the angel answered and said to the women, 'Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there ye shall see him. Lo, I have told you.'"

Civilization has come a long way. It's a good time to count our blessings and let good deeds speak for us.

of the afternoon service but NO MASS—confessions to follow.

Saturday—NO A.M. Mass. Confessions 11-12 noon and 4 to 6 p.m. NO EVENING CONFES- SIONS; 8 p.m. Easter Vigil Services. Try to attend!

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.

Monday—CCD classes for all students in grades 7 thru 12 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.

Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.

Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass—7 a.m.

Saturday—8 a.m. Mass—4:30 and 7:30 Confessions.

Sunday—7, 9 and 11 a.m. Mass.

Tuesday—7 p.m. St. Theresa Novena Devotions

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister

Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director

Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist

Mrs. Richard Orr,
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Saturday—MEN-VOLUN- TEERS—An Easter clean-up is needed. Bring your rake. We'll build fire-places and picnic tables too for your families summer picnicking. Come anytime Saturday between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. for about 2 hours work. No telephone calls will be made. This is now up to YOU.

Sunday—10 a.m. Morning Service. Sermon: "The First Fruits of Them that Sleep."... No Sunday School Classes.

Wednesday—7 p.m. Choir rehearsal.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.

West Springfield, Mass.

Rev. John N. Garner, Pastor

Sunday—9:45 a.m., Bible School for all ages; 11 a.m., morning worship service. There is a supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during both Bible School and morning service; 7 p.m., evening service

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Round The Town



By Ann Nael
phone ST 8-8996

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan of the Agawam Congregational Church assisted Dr. John H. Miller, chaplain at American International College in an unique one hour ecumenical Lenten service yesterday in the college's Religious Center on Concord Ter. The service was open to the public, and five members of the campus clergy conducted the service including invocation, prayers, hymns and sermonette, as well as organ music.

Agawam High Band parents held their Spring meeting in the music room of the high school last week. Several members of the band received commendable reports on their performances at the solo and ensemble festival held by the Mass. Music Educators. Edward Morassi, senior trumpeter was given a very high rating. John Lowell, clarinet, George Huba, bassoon, Donna Atwater, flute and Loretta Bonomi, oboe received praises for their numbers. Carol Heyl served as accompanist for Morassi. All the above students were awarded special honors for their efforts in the festival.

The Agawam Board of Library Trustees have elected Mrs. Sylvia Deliso as chairman and Mrs. Eileen Patnaude as secretary for this year. The following committees were also appointed: Mrs. Harriet Keogh on Personnel and Public Relations; Mrs. Ruth Zucco on Policies, Gifts, Invested Funds and Books; Mr. Peter Mazza on Finance; and Mr. Norman Wood on Buildings & Equipment.

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Well, today, we don't do a single one of these chores. Rolling went out of fashion when we realized that it simply compacted the soil and did more harm than good. We quit liming when we discovered in our tests that liming wasn't necessary when we fertilized with Turf Builder. And we no longer pull out crabgrass because we know now that new plants can come only from seed in the soil. We prevent them from sprouting by using a pre-emergence control such as Halts Plus.

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Force Logistic Command, with headquarters at Danang, receives and processes more than 40,000 supply requests a month. Its drivers covered more than a million and half miles last year,

distributing more than 300,000 tons of cargo and nearly 8,000,000 gallons of water.

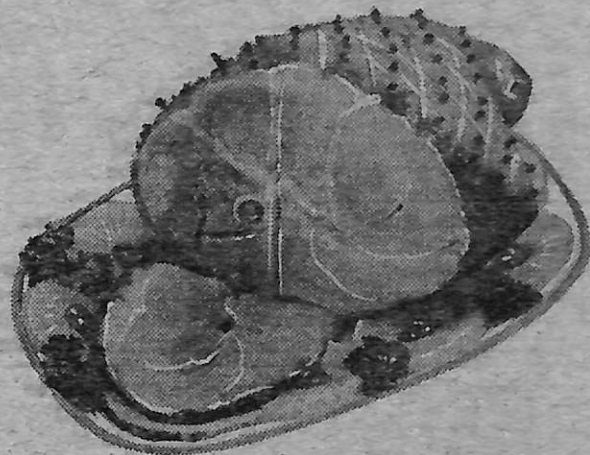
The command is made up of almost 10,000 Marines with units scattered throughout the five northernmost provinces of Vietnam.

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Easter... An Ancient Observance

April 14 is Easter Sunday. It is a day of Easter egg hunts for children and Easter parades for adults, as well as children. Easter commemorates the resurrection of Christ, but surprisingly, the theme of Easter is older than Christianity itself. Rituals of rebirth were common among ancient civilizations.

The sunrise services held in many parts of the United States today date back to the medieval custom of praying while the sun rises. Even the seemingly frivolous spectacle of the Easter parade is descended from the Easter walk of Europe when devout men and women congregated and walked in an orderly manner through town and into the open country reciting prayers along the way.

In pre-Christian times, the egg was the symbol of spring. In the Christian era, the egg became a symbol of the rock tomb out of which Christ emerged in his resurrection. Easter is a symbol of Christianity just as it is a symbol of the faith and hope of mankind.



April 1, 1968

Raymond J. Fontana, Esq.
Governor's Council
95 State St.
Springfield, Mass.
Dear Ray:

The thought has come to me regarding the possibility of the Town of Agawam receiving some State reimbursement or monetary aid to help defray the cost of Fire and Police equipment. The reason for this is Robinson State Park is protected against fire and vandalism by the Town Firemen and Policemen year round.

If you feel that a meeting with Governor Volpe and yourself, to discuss this proposal would accomplish any financial help for the Town of Agawam, I would appreciate hearing from you. If your report is favorable I will request the other two members of the Board of Selectmen to meet with you and Governor Vol-

pe at your convenience, to present a complete history and other pertinent information that the Governor might request.

Yours very truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
(s) Raymond E. Charest
Raymond E. Charest,
Selectman,
97 Silver Street
Agawam, Mass. 01001

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cc—E. Connelly
G. Reynolds
Bd. of Selectmen

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½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ cup raisins

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Commencement at American International College, Sunday, June 9, will again be held in the Butova Memorial Gymnasium on campus.

Waste Collections

ROUTE 5

Friday, Apr. 12

Alexander Ave., Barry, Belmont Ave., Bradford Dr., Briarcliffe Dr., Briar Hill Rd., Bristol Dr., Carmel La., Carol Ave., Churchill Ave., Elmer Dr., Fox Farms Rd., Greenwich Dr., Hammar Dr., Hamilton Cir., Hendon Dr., Hickory, Longview Rd., Meyers Dr., New York Ave., North St. Ext., No. West, No. Westfield, Oriole Dr., Overlook Dr., Parkview Dr., Provia Mt. Dr., Pine, Richmond Ave., Ridgeview Dr., Robin Ridge Dr., Roosevelt Ave., So. West, So. Westfield, Southwick, Squire La., Strawberry Hill Rd., Sunset Ter., Tannery Rd., and Thalia Dr.

ROUTE 6

Monday, Apr. 15

DePalma, Doane Ave., Edgewater Rd., Franklin St. Ext., Garden, Gunn-Geary La., Memorial Dr., Mountainview, Phil, Poplar, Porter Dr., Shoemaker La., Silver, Silver Lake Dr., Suffield and Vadnais.

ROUTE 7

Tuesday, Apr. 16

Althea Cir., Anthony, Belle, Brien, Center, Clematis Dr., Colonial Ave., Cooper, Elsie, Fairview, Federal Ave., Federal, Federal St. Ext., Harvey Johnson Dr., Karen Dr., Ley, Poinsetta, Potomac Pl., Prince La., Reed, Samuel, Senator Ave., Stanley Pl., Valentine, Valentine St., Ext., Vernon, Virginia, Washington, Westford Cir., and Woodside Dr.

ROUTE 8

Wednesday, Apr. 17

Allen, Adams, Birch Hill Rd., Carr Ave., Cosgrove Ave., Elm, Emerson Rd., Haskell, Henshaw Ave., Kanawha Ave., Lealand Ave., Main, Mardale Ave., Nile Ave., Oxford, Parker, Perry La., Pineview Cir., Raymond Cir., Riverside Ave., Riverview Ave., Ruskin Ave., Ridge Ave., South, So. Park Ter., Stewart La., Sunnyslope Ave., Thirlmere Ave., Veranda Ave., Woodcliffe Ave. and Wright.

ROUTE 9

Thursday, Apr. 18

Albert St., Alhambra Cir., Barney St., Central St., Corey St., Editha Ave., Edward St., Elbert Rd., Ellison Ave., Frank St., Hunt St., James Ave., John St., Joseph St., Kirkland St., Liberty Ave., Maple Ave., Meadow Ave., Meadow St., Monroe St., Pomeroy St., River Rd., School St., Seymour Ave., Sterling Rd., Sunrise Ter., Willard Ave., and Wyman Ave.

My Neighbors



"And they call us pests!"

TAXED FOR THE UNKNOWN



AN APRIL 15th REMINDER

When the typical American family talks about buying a new car, building a home—or any other major expenditure—the head of the house usually asks some searching questions.

Can we afford it? Do we have the money, or will we borrow? The average American family doesn't buy on impulse...we can't indulge our desires without regard to our pocketbooks. We must of necessity choose wisely.

But there is something we all buy each year with very little choice and with questionable satisfaction. It's the package presented every year in the federal budget—a package we pay for dearly with our taxes.

Today the federal government seems preoccupied with the issue of consumer protection. It wants to be sure our package of breakfast food is full and plainly marked; it wants us to be fully aware of the cost of borrowing money.

Right now, when many of us are having to think about borrowing to pay our taxes on April 15, we might well wish that our benevolent Uncle Sam would worry less about the size and weight of our breakfast food package and show more concern about our plight as harried taxpayers.

When the Administration in Washington last summer proposed a surtax to help reduce large and persistent federal deficits, many economists and businessmen pointed out that a sharp slash in government spending would be a better solution. The government continues to face a critical balance-of-payments situation, growing inflation, and interest rates at century-high levels.

A substantial cut in federal spending would help solve all these problems and of course help all of us as individual taxpayers.

Do your legislators in Washington know how you feel about excessive federal spending? It costs just six cents to express your views.

Conservation Winners



Agawam Junior Women's Club held the judging for the Conservation Poster Contest last Tuesday, April 2nd, at the home of Mrs. Walter McCarthy, chairman of the Conservation.

Pictured above, front row, left to right: Jane Benerakis, 1st prize, South School; Karen Campbell, 2nd prize, Danahy School and Virginia Roberts, 3rd prize, Phelps School. Honorable mention, back row, same order: Ronald Ashton, Granger School; Terry Ann Stetson and Susan Oliver, both of South School. At left is Mrs. McCarthy, chairman of Conservation.

"The only person ever to get his work done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe."—Chuck Hagen, The Cornell (Wisc.) Courier.

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Miss St. Jean . . .

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a member of the New England Theatre conference, New England Speech Association and the American Educational Theatre Association.

Serving as chairman of hostesses will be Mrs. William Mar-

a month pay for United States servicemen subject to hostile gunfire in South Korea.

There have been incidents along the Korean demilitarized zone for months as North Korean patrols have probed U. S. and South Korean positions.

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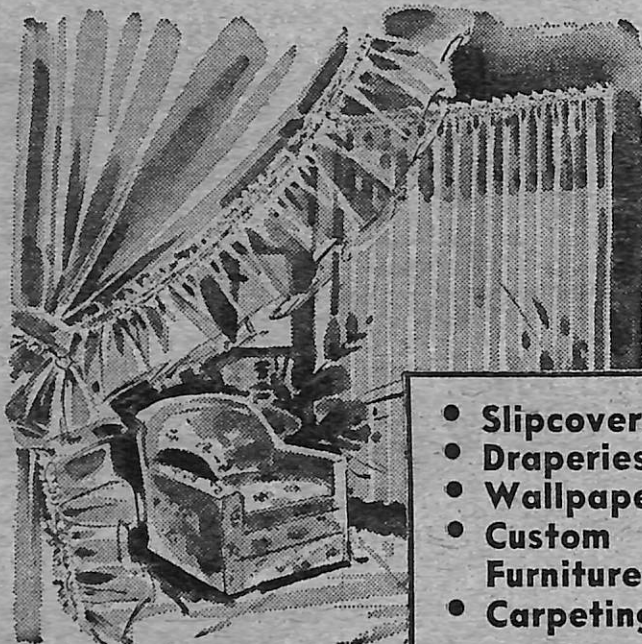


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AGAWAM

SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

The 49th annual banquet of the Agawam Sportsmen Club was a success in every avenue of endeavor of the committee headed by Carl Roberts. The steak put out by chef Sutula left nothing to be desired. There were prizes for practically every one of the 300 plus diners. In fact, people were turned away because the tickets were all sold out.

Bob Allen, past president of the club was honored by the membership for his efforts in conservation while holding the president's office for twelve consecutive years. A plaque was presented to Bob by Harold Callaghan, president of the club.

PROJECT FOR THE YOUNG

Clubs throughout the state and Boy Scout troops are taking advantage of the complete course on teaching Elementary Fishing to the younger set. The book titled "Elementary Fishing" authored by Joe Bates is the basic material for teaching the whys and whats of fresh water fishing for young people as well as adult beginners. The Wright & McGill Company, of Denver, Colo., (the makers of Eagle Claw fishing tackle) is offering the material as a public service.

The book Elementary Fishing consists of 192 pages. Its 14 chapters and 89 illustrations guide readers smoothly through all phases of bait-fishing, fly-fishing, spinning, spin-casting and plug-casting, with other chapters on how to find baits, how to rig and to fish them; how to fish streams, ponds and lakes; when and where to find various species of fish, and why; plus helpful

Honored Receptient



In the picture above Bob Allen, past president of the Agawam Sportsmen's Club, is shown proudly holding the plaque presented to him by the membership for his untiring efforts in the Conservation field during the 12 consecutive years of his office. Standing, left to right are: Harold Callaghan, present president of the club; Carl Roberts, chairman of the committee; Allen; Frank Maziarz, board of director of the club; and State Representative Walter T. Kerr.

lore on many other angling subjects, including water safety, fish cookery and conservation.

The book explains elements of such projects as fly-tying, leader making, lure making, repairing, and other cold weather or rainy day occupations. It gives helpful facts on selecting the first fishing outfit; how to match tackle, and how and where to use it.

More information on using the course and the cost of material may be had by writing to Elementary Fishing, P. O. Box 20217, Denver, Colorado.

Eight rounds were loosed for hams at the West Springfield Fish and Game Club, Sunday. Preston Parker sure had the right combination for he walked away with three of the prizes. Other winners were: Jerry Jenks, James Foley, Jack Pocai, Harold Nowill, Jr., and Clement Tessier. Special prizes were won by Phil Potter, Ed Jerusik, Emery Goselin and Al Christopher (Corn King).

The junior fly tying class were nailing trout right and left with the creations they had tied Thursday evening. The fly tying class jumped to 48 and had to be

stopped at this figure. In fact there is so much enthusiasm for learning the art of tying flies that Louis Cusson's committee extended the course to May 16th.

The club house will be open every day at 4 p.m. and close at 1 a.m. Memberships may be obtained at the club house. The fishing for trout will be allowed for senior and junior members on Good Friday.

FIRST TOURNAMENT

The Agawam Bowmen Club will host the first Mass. Bare Bow Archery Tournament April 21. The newly adopted United States Bare Bow Archery Association Round will be shot. Prizes will be given in all classes and refreshments will be available. Shooting will commence at 8 a.m. and the last group will be through target #1 by 1:30 p.m.

President Meade, has called a work party of members for Saturday commencing at 10 a.m. Members are asked to bring their own rakes.

Rubber Bands: \$1.2 Million

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Little League Try-outs For East And West Teams

Boys born between the following dates, Aug. 1, 1955 and July 31, 1959 are eligible to try out for Little League this year. Registration cards have been passed out in the local schools. Boys who did not get them may pick them up at Agawam Pharmacy or at the first try-out if accompanied by a parent as the slip must be signed. Boys must attend both try outs to be qualified for a team.

In the West League all boys are requested to be at the Little League field at 12:30 on April 13, and April 20: In the East League boys 11 and 12 are requested to be at their field at 9 a. m. on these same two dates, while boys 9 and 10 will report at 1 p. m.

Both Leagues are again in desperate need of parental help.

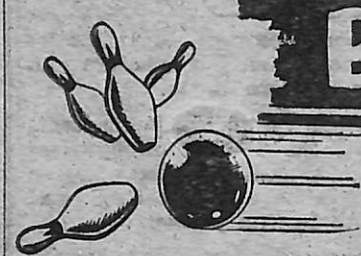
If you can give an hour or two of your time to your son, PLEASE call Mr. Robert Meister at 733-7411.

Gino Mirolli is president of West League this season and Robert Nooney of East. These men are willing to give of their time for your sons that an organized league may be continued this year — are you willing to help? Opening Day for both Leagues will be May 5th and the season has been shortened to run only through June 27th to allow for vacations before tournament play.

WHAT? LITTLE LEAGUE TRY OUTS.

WHEN? APRIL 13 AND 20, EAST 9 A. M. AND 1 P. M.; WEST 12:30 P. M.

FACT: MUST ATTEND BOTH TRY OUTS TO BE QUALIFIED.



BOWLING

JR. HIGH ALLEY

by
BRUCE FOSTER

In our 6th week of action at Vic's Agawam Bowl, the high singles and high three were taken by bowlers of the Cadillac team, while second place in each was taken by Camaro bowlers. High single was rolled by David DeChristopher, 109 and Diana Cross hitting 293 for the three strings. Jim Burgamaster had 107 and 291 for the two second places.

The total for the six weeks is still held by Bruce Foster, with 133, and tied for second place with 124 are Diana Cross and Robert Geoffrion. High - three six weeks total finds Bruce Foster in the lead with 327, and John Rosati a close second with 319.

In team competition the Cadillac continued to roll in undisputed control of first place with a three game win over the Fords to stand at 21-0; The GTO's continued to hold second place with three wins over the Cougars; The Mustangs took over third place as they won three from the Ramblers. It was a jubilant Camaro team that took two from the Barracudas and became the fourth place team by one string, tying the Dodgers who took three from the 9th place Triumphs.

The pinmen have been classified according to the number of

times they have bowled; of the 12-time bowlers in Class C, Diana Cross has high average with 92, and Charles Benson has second with 87; In the Class B group of 15 times bowled, the high average belongs to John Rosati with his 93 and Jim Burgamaster with 82 holds the second spot. Those who have bowled the 18 strings, are in Class A, and here the top bowling average belongs to Bruce Foster with 96, closely followed by Robert Geoffrion with 94.

Ode to Agawam High Basketball Team

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Sgt. Loncrini Helps Unit Earn Award

WITH U. S. COMBAT AIR FORCES, Vietnam — Sergeant John F. Loncrini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Loncrini of 128 Cooley St., Agawam, has been recognized for helping his organization, the 1964th Communications Group, earn the U. S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for a third consecutive year in Vietnam.

Sgt. Loncrini, a communications specialist, will wear a distinctive service ribbon as a permanent decoration.

The major Air Force Communications Service (AFCS) unit in Vietnam, the 1964th is headquartered at Tan Son Nhut Air Base and has 10 subordinate squadrons operating throughout the country.

The organization was nominated for the award by General William M. Momyer, commander of the U. S. Seventh Air Force, Vietnam, for its "Yankee ingenuity" and outstanding proficiency in providing direct communications, navigational aids and air traffic control in the combat zone during a period of greatly expanding tactical operations. The general cited the 1964th for its high degree of professionalism in spite of "extreme difficulties associated with living and working under field conditions."

Group achievements included handling nearly 350,000 takeoffs and landings by AFCS air traffic controllers during a single month. During the year they also prevented the possible loss of 48 costly aircraft and their crews through expert guidance during inflight emergencies.

In addition to operating an in-country communications network to support combat operations, group personnel inaugurated telephone service between theater USAF Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) stations and field hospitals, enabling American patients to talk with their families in the states.

Sergeant Loncrini is a 1965 graduate of Agawam High School.

DENTAL AWARD FOR STUDENTS

High school students interested in devoting the summer to scientific research are invited to apply for the Junior Dental Scientist Award being offered by the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

Junior scientists receiving the traineeship award will spend eight weeks on a research project in the dental school's laboratories in Boston, according to the director of the summer program, Donald B. Giddon, D.M.D., Ph.D.

"The students selected will receive a \$300 stipend and will work directly under members of the dental school faculty," explains Dr. Diddon, who is Professor and Chairman of the dental school's Department of Social Dentistry.

He emphasizes that high school juniors and seniors who apply need not have a special interest in dentistry, but that they must be boys and girls who are "genuinely and keenly interested" in scientific research. Application forms may be obtained either from high school counselors or directly from Dr. Giddon at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, 136 Harrison Ave., Boston, Mass. 02111. Deadline for applications is May 1.

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine is one of 26 dental schools throughout the country offering the Junior Dental Scientist Awards. The program, administered by the Council on Dental Research of the American Dental Association, is supported with grants from the General Electric Company's Dental Health Section and the Warner-Lambert Company. Tufts is the only dental school in New England participating in this national program.

Design The Christmas Seal — Win \$1000.00

The National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association is looking for local artists to design the Christmas Seal which, if selected, would be used during the season of 1970. Not only is there an award of \$1000 and nationwide publicity for the winning artist, but an opportunity to be a part of the fight against tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases.

Over the years the annual Christmas Seal Campaign has grown. At the present time, approximately \$26 million is contributed each year to support the work of state and local tuberculosis associations which are affiliated with the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association. Money raised during the Seal Campaign makes possible programs of health education, case finding, community organization, patient services, and medical and social research for tuberculosis, along with like programs in other respiratory diseases.

More information may be obtained by contacting the Hampden County Tuberculosis and Public Health Assn., 284 State St., Springfield, Mass.

Ham Spaghetti Skillet

(Yield: 8 servings)

- 2 cups diced, cooked ham
 - 2 tablespoons fat
 - ½ cup chopped onion
 - ¼ cup chopped green pepper
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 1 lb., 3 oz. can (2½ cups) cooked tomatoes
 - 8 oz. spaghetti
 - 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
 - 1 teaspoon salt
- Melt fat in a large, heavy skillet. Pan-fry onion and green pepper until tender. Add ham and brown lightly. Add garlic and tomatoes. Cover and cook over low heat 30 minutes. Cook spaghetti according to directions on package. Combine spaghetti, cheese, and salt with ham mixture in skillet. Continue cooking, uncovered, about 10 minutes.

Over a thousand commodities can be made from the trunk, leaves, husks and nuts of the coconut palm tree, one of the most productive trees in the world. It grows in a combined area twice the size of Connecticut, between 20 degrees north and 20 degrees south of the equator, the Mass. Audubon Society says.

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Victory again knocked at the AHS "As Schools Match Wits" team as they victoriously met with the team from East Longmeadow High School. The score was close, 200-110, and the game was exciting. The four boys, Mike Connelly, Brian Blackburn, Gerald Alfano, and Richard Cimma will compete against Suffield Academy next week. Congratulations!

TRACK TEAM

Last Friday the AHS track season opened with its first meet against Suffield. The wind was blowing as the AHS team was victorious over the visiting team. This afternoon Palmer will visit the AHS track field for an exciting meet. Next Monday, our team will meet at South Hadley, and Longmeadow will be at Agawam on Thursday. Good luck for a successful season!

Tonight, gymnasts from Agawam High will present an exhibition in the AHS gym. Students will perform on the parallel bars, uneven bars, trampoline, horse, and free exercise. For an exciting time, go to the annual gym show tonight!

COMING EVENTS: College Boards next month. . . Prom plans in full swing. . . Support the spring sports teams. . . Watch

The Massachusetts Governor's Council will meet on the campus of American International College Wednesday, April 24, at noon. The public meeting will be held in the Campus Center Auditorium.

"As Schools Match Wits" Sunday!



COLLEGE NEWS

Miss Tilia J. Fantasia, assistant professor of physical education at Westfield State College, has been elected vice president for Recreation of the Mass. Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

The Organization is a voluntary association of physical education leaders throughout the state and is designed to promote the aims stated in its title.

Miss Fantasia, a doctoral candidate at Boston University, received her B.S. and M.B.D. from Tufts University. She has been a faculty member at Westfield for two years, teaching prior to that at Lasell Junior College, Salem State College, and in the Somerville public schools.

She makes her home at 63 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, Mass.

Al Mercadante, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolfo Mercadante, 73 Otawa St., Agawam, a 205 pounder, who stands 5ft. 10 inches and plays fullback will report for football training camp this fall to Greenbrier Military School, Lewisburg, West Virginia.



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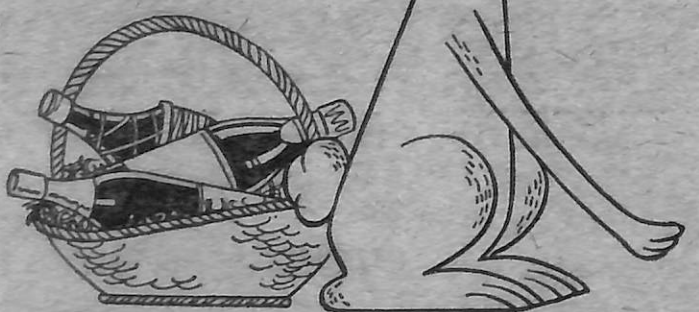
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V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

April 1 — On Monday, this date Commander Adelman, Anna D. Bissonnette, Katy Dickinson, President Venetta Snyder and Past Commander Brady Snyder kept an appointment with the Selectmen of Agawam, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Charest, and Mr. Connelly and received permission to sell boxed candy for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Youth Activities Fund. Chairman Stellato was unable to attend due to sickness in the family but Co-Chairman Katy Dickinson started the "SALE" immediately after permission was granted.

SICK CALL
Mrs. John Bealieu — Confined to hospital; MRS. MARY STELLATO — (Jame's wife) recuperating at home, 550 Mill St. MRS. IDA R. BONDI — Still confined to the Springfield Hospital; MRS. ROCKY STELLATO (James' Mother) — now recuperating at South St., after her stay at the Mercy Hospital.

HAM SHOOT
Our "Ham Shoots" are bringing out the "Sharp Shooters" of all ages. March 31st winners were: Little Charlie of West Springfield who won three (3)



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A.D.B.

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At the Post meeting held on April 1st, the body decided to again sponsor a team of little baseball players of the "Sacred Heart Church League." A check has already been donated. We are asking the V. F. W. members to be present on "Opening Day" which will be on Sunday, May 5th this year. The V. F. W. Color Guard is asked to be at the Sacred Heart Church Athletic Field at 1 p. m. for the raising of the American Flag.

At this same meeting Robert Archambault, District 7 Commander presented a 100% Commanders Pin and a radio to Post #1632 for having their 100% membership in. QM Bissonnette has displayed the National Commander Serra's picture at the Post Home. This is another gift for having achieved the 100% membership.

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HOSPITAL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Monday, April 15 — Variety Show — Jewish War Vets and Auxiliary #26.

Thursday, April 18 — Dance, American Red Cross — need dancing partners. . .

Thursday, April 25 — Carnival, V. F. W. Western County Council Auxiliary.

SAVE THESE DATES — Quarterly VAVS Committee meeting — In the Staff Room, Tuesday, April 16 at 8 p. m.

VOLUNTEER recognition Awards Night: In the Recreation Hall at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday, May 22, 1968. (More Later)

AS SCHOOLS MATCH WITS
Another TV program on Sunday April 7th showed Gerry Alfano, Mike Connelly, Brian Blackburn and Richard Cima of Agawam beating East Longmeadow School 200 to 110. Alternate was George Bickford. Keep up the good work Agawam. . . Next week they'll be competing against "Suffield Academy."

Chairman Ed Harpin tells us the new pavilion should be completed by Memorial Day.



"Y" APPOINTS SR. COUNSELOR

Miss Denise Phaneuf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Phaneuf of 25 Ley St., Agawam, has been appointed a senior counselor at Camp Millbrook for this camping season. This is her second year on the Millbrook staff.

A graduate of Ursuline Academy, Miss Phaneuf is presently attending St. Joseph College in

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The "Y" will be closed Friday (Good Friday) all day.

Saturday the "Y" will be open from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

No Family Swim Night at the West Side "Y."

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Mario J. Sakellis, Executive Director of the local "Y" announces that two special bus trips have been planned for boys and girls in grades 3-6 during the Spring school vacation. On Tuesday, April 16th, at 9 buses will leave the "Y" at 108 Perry Lane to go to the Higgins Museum in Worcester and on Thursday, April 18th, buses will again leave at 9 a.m. for Mystic Seaport.

The visit to the Higgins Armory Museum includes over 100 complete armors with weapons and banners, Damascus swords, morning stars and many other displays.

The visit to Mystic Seaport includes the Charles Morgan, a wooden whaler. The Joseph Conrad, a visit to the planetarium and a picnic on the grounds of an old New England Community. Registrations for these two programs are open to members and non-members and must be made by April 13th at the "Y."

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